

**2023-2024**

**GFWC Girl Friends Who Care**



**St. Andrews Woman's Club**

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**November 2023 NEWSLETTER**

*Officer Reports:*

*President - Laurie O'Kelly*

I'm looking forward to our November meeting and fundraising for Operation Smile. Each smile is \$240 and I hope we will be able to sponsor a few operations. Operation Smile will often run a 2 for 1 promotion, so hopefully we will be able to double our efforts.

The Progress Foundation application has been submitted. We requested \$5,000 for Killingsworth Home to support the home and residents by supplying much needed items such as personal hygiene items, bus tokens for residents to get to work, etc.

The Stocking Extravaganza is Tuesday, November 28 at the GFWC-SC Headquarters at 1511 Laurel St. Proceeds from this fundraiser support the maintenance on the house. Susan Smith and Susan Swails have spent many hours preparing for the event, and Kaye Hunke and I will be the bartenders. Come out and enjoy food, drinks, bidding on stockings, and comradery with fellow clubwomen.

The GFWC-SC Winter Board is Saturday, January 14. Look for details in the December Clubwoman magazine. I would love for several clubwomen to join me.

**Remember, the November meeting will be November 20, the Monday before Thanksgiving.**

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for all that each of you do to support the projects of St. Andrews Woman's Club and GFWC.

### *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Frances Hill & Susan Smith*

CSP Chairmen, please don't forget that the end of this reporting year is December!! Please make sure you have recorded all information needed for the activities your group has participated in this fall. Also, make sure you have the information from the previous CSP chair for activities beginning in January. Reporting time is coming quickly!!

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Jan Mitchell-Conner & Shelly Langston*

Jan and I want to thank club members for welcoming our new members. Please continue to encourage our new members and help them with their questions and concerns.

#### **Side Note from Shelly:**

I am getting ready to register for the Sleigh Bell Stroll at Saluda Shoals Park. The stroll is on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Come see the Christmas lights and have fun getting ready for Christmas. The cost is only \$7.00 and it is rain or shine. The walk is 2 miles and there will be buses to return us back to the parking lot. I will be registering on Thursday at noon, so please let me know as soon as possible, if you are interested and would like to join us. We can discuss where to meet at the park during our November SAWC meeting. We have to register online and I can register us all together. Please let me know by Wednesday, November 15th. You can pay me the \$7.00 at the November meeting. There will be no walk-in registrations this year.

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ways & Means - Debbie Bell, Diane Bozard & Susan Dox*

Our 2nd FUNraiser was the Belk Charity Sale Nov 3-5! We sold 36 tickets at our first club meeting of the year on September 25 & on October 23 we sold 56 tickets for a GRAND TOTAL OF 92 tickets & a profit of \$460! Great job ladies!!! Hope you all got a head start on your Christmas shopping 🎁 Enjoy the holidays!!! Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!!! THEN.....be ready for 🎲 BUNCO 🎲 **(March 7)** to be in full swing in January 2024!

### Secretary - Beth Smith-Pollom

Hello! Please do your best to let me know if you are going to be absent from a meeting. Feel free to send an email (elizabeth2371@att.net) or shoot me a text (317-710-6147). Also don't forget to sign in. I don't know all the names and faces yet, so please check in with me. Thank you!

### Treasurer - Gail Elfert

After sending in our dues for 59 members to GFWC-SC, our checking balance is \$6602.73, and our savings account balance is \$3363.47.

Remember that you can purchase tickets for the **Operation Smile** fundraiser at the meeting on Monday, Nov. 20, with cash or check, or you can use the **PayPal** or **Venmo** apps on your phone by scanning the QR codes which will be on the ticket table. If you are bringing items to donate for the **Operation Smile fundraiser**, please arrive early to get your item checked in. You will need to give your approximate cost and the number of hours spent preparing or buying the item.

### Advisor - Daryl Hendrix

No Report.

## *Community Service Project Reports:*

### Arts and Culture - Lynne Hauptner & Marie DeLoach

Thank you to the membership who donated art supplies for Richland Children's Hospital. They were surprised and delighted. If Arts would meet for a few minutes during the November meeting to discuss the remainder of the year, I would appreciate it. Marie and I have a few easy ideas.

Remember to take lots of pictures over the holidays to enter in the Photography contest at convention next year.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

### Civic Engagement & Outreach - Anne Marie Shepherd & Ann Keisler

It is hard to believe the Holidays are here!

Civic Engagement has a couple of hands-on volunteer opportunities for our club members. We can use your help!

First: On December 1 SAWC will be manning the phone lines at WIS TV Families Helping Families phone bank. We need a total of six volunteers. So far, we have two commitments. This will be on Friday evening, December 1, from 5:30 -8:00pm. Please consider joining us for the evening! Carpools can be arranged.

Second: We still need volunteers to help with cemetery clean-up from Wreaths Across America. They have not given us a date for this yet, but it will be held after Christmas. They need names from us by the last day of November.

It is not too late to sponsor a wreath for the Wreaths Across America project. You can sponsor one for \$17.00. Please make payments to SAWC and we will send in one check for all the sponsored wreaths.

CSP members are busy shopping and wrapping presents for our two Families helping Families adoptees. We will be delivering these presents shortly after the November general meeting!

### *Education & Libraries - Leann Angel*

Happy Turkey month everyone! My, how time has flown! Just yesterday it was January! Celebrate and enjoy your family through this holiday season!

This month our book group will be meeting at noon, Thursday December 14, 2023. at Judy Keating's new home at Lakeview, 2134 N. Lake Drive, Columbia. We will enter at the portico. Plenty of parking. We should get there a few minutes before noon and meet out front. Cost for lunch is \$12 cash. Our book is "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. Please bring ideas for 2024 book suggestions! All members are welcome to join us anytime at book group! We go down lots of worm holes and always leave with a smile on our faces!

Please let me know if you plan to attend so we have a headcount! Happy reading!

### *Environment - Sarah Ostergaard*

Please see this article for seasonal tips to prepare your yard / garden for overwintering and for adding splashes of color during the cooler months: <https://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article281505068.html>.

Optional \*Field Trip\* !! Do you want to learn more about composting and other sustainable practices for your very own backyard? Lexington County offers "Backyard Benefits Classes" three times per year on Saturdays (Lex. Co residents only). The next class is on December 9! Let's do this together: learn how to properly plant a tree, best tips and tricks for backyard composting, build a rain barrel and learn more about how you can get benefits in your own backyard. Register here: <https://lex-co.sc.gov/departments/solid-waste-management/recycling/backyard-composting>

Agritourism is booming in our state. There are Ag & Art tours in May / June each year, but also lovely places to visit informally in every season. Be sure to get a passport or brochure at our next meeting and plan a day trip to see various sites across the area or state! You can also learn more here: <https://www.agandarttour.com/>.

Do you know how to become an SC Parks Ultimate Outsider? Visit all SC State Parks and earn the title! What are some of your favorite SC State Parks? Learn more here: <https://southcarolinaparks.com/ultimate-outsider/>

See you outside!

## *Health & Wellness - Barbara Cross & Jo Norris*

Everyone's help will be needed at the SAWC meeting on Monday, Nov. 20, to have a successful Operation Smile fundraiser. Please consider assisting our CSP by providing an item for auction.

Items that "sell" well are:

- baked goods (especially anything that could be a Thanksgiving dessert!)
- homemade foods like candies, jams, roasted pecans, etc.
- restaurant gift cards (would your favorite restaurant donate one for this? Ask!)
- wine
- seasonal craft items and decorations (Thanksgiving and Christmas)
- items that people can give as gifts to others
- Use your imagination! If YOU would drop a ticket in the bag and hope to win it, then others would, too!! And it does not need to be expensive.

If you want to get your items in early, get them to Elizabeth Taylor or Gail and we will bring them to the meeting. And remember, we need NAME, \$ SPENT, and TIME SPENT from you, too.

Also come prepared to purchase tickets to win your favorite items and provide deserving children with this life changing operation.

Remember to come early to get a little exercise. If the weather is bad, we can walk in the church gym.

Mental Health Quote of the Month:

"Your feelings are valid, even if you can't explain or understand them. It's okay to not have all the answers. Take your time, be gentle with yourself, and give yourself grace." Unknown

See you on November 20.

## *Standing Committee Chairs & Special Appointments:*

### *Leadership/WHRT - Kristin Fields:*

With November being the month we stop to say Thank You, I want to thank each of you for the leadership you give to the club. If you are a current board member, thank you for all your efforts in planning meetings and projects. If you are a future board member thank you for supporting all our current club activities.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending the upcoming GFWC - SC LEADS workshop to be held in Columbia, February 17, 2024. The committee is making plans now for a very informative event.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Fellowship - Jane Jeffcoat & Carol Ann Williams

Happy Birthday 🎂 Kristen Fields, Dianne McCarty, Janet Prince  
Please let us know of any fellowship needs!

Happy Thanksgiving with Family and Friends 🦃

### Special Announcements

*Reminder: the general meeting for SAWC will be Monday, November 20, 2023 the Monday before Thanksgiving.*



**It's time for the Christmas Stocking Extravaganza!!**

The "live" drop-in will be Tuesday, November 28 from 5-8 PM at GFWC SC Headquarters - 1511 Laurel Street. We hope to see many of our SAWC friends at the event. We also hope you will take advantage of the online bidding of auction items!!

This year . . . a 50/50 raffle is also part of the event. The drawing will be on December 2 and the winner will have some serious Christmas shopping money!!

We will have \$25 tickets for the drop in and \$10 tickets for the 50/50 raffle at the meeting or you can contact Susan Smith or Barbara Williams.  
Please support your GFWC SC Headquarters!!! Susan, Barbara and Susan

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 20:	General meeting - Union United Methodist Church	7:00pm
November 24 :	Happy Thanksgiving	
November 28:	HQ Stocking Extravaganza Drop In	5-8:00pm
December 25:	Merry Christmas	
January 1:	Happy New Year	
January 8:	Board Meeting	7:00pm
January 12:	Newsletter info due to Beth Taylor	
January 13:	GFWC-SC Winter Board meeting	
January 15:	Martin Luther King Day of Service	
January 24:	General Meeting	